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Fraud Investigation Report Summary July – September 1999

In California, fraud prevention and detection is an integral part of the overall management of public assistance programs. The fraud prevention program is administered at the local level by 58 county welfare departments. The California Department of Social Services (CDSS) is responsible for developing regulations and disseminating policy information/interpretation to local entities. Within the county welfare departments, the income maintenance units have primary responsibility for determining eligibility and computing grant amounts. If fraud is suspected, the case is referred for investigation to the Special Investigative Unit (SIU). At the discretion of the county, the SIU may be placed in the county welfare department or within another county law enforcement agency such as the District Attorney's or Sheriff's Office. It is the responsibility of the SIU to conduct an investigation of such cases for the purpose of establishing whether or not evidence exists to support a charge of welfare fraud.

The Fraud Investigation Report provides statewide and county-specific fraud activity data on the California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) and Food Stamp programs. Investigation activity by the SIUs is reflected in this report. Data shown in this report represents the most current statistics available at the time of publication.

The following four reports are the data sources for this publication, and most are available on the CDSS Research and Development Division (RADD) external web site at <http://www.dss.cahwnet.gov/research>.

- **DPA 266 - Fraud Investigation Activity Report**
(July and August 1999 dated September 15, 2000, and September 1999 dated March 26, 2001)
- **CA 237 CalWORKs - CalWORKs Cash Grant Caseload Movement and Expenditures Report**
(July 1999 dated January 6, 2000, August 1999 dated August 31, 2000, and September 1999 dated December 6, 1999)
- **CA 237 FC – Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) Foster Care (FC) Caseload Movement and Expenditures Report**
(July, August and September 1999 dated March 6, 2000)
- **DFA 256 - Food Stamp Program Participation and Coupon Issuance Report**
(July 1999 dated March 13, 2000, and August and September 1999 dated April 28, 2000)

Unless otherwise stated, each data item in the publication is a quarterly rollup of three months of data from the DPA 266 – Fraud Investigation Activity Report.

CalWORKs Statewide Highlights July – September 1999

Investigation Requests

- 55,539 requests for investigation were **received** by California Special Investigative Units (SIUs) during the quarter, with a monthly average during the quarter of 18,513 investigation requests. The monthly average of investigation requests represents 2.6% of the 719,549 CalWORKs statewide caseload (monthly average during July-September 1999).
- 54,203 investigation requests were **accepted** for investigation during the quarter. This is 98% of the 55,539 investigation requests received.
 - 34,793 (64%) were Early Fraud Prevention/Detection Program (EFP/D) requests.
 - 7,667 (14%) were Income and Eligibility Verification System (IEVS) requests.
 - 5,257 (10%) were Family (Household) Composition requests.
 - 6,486 (12%) were investigation requests for other reasons including other unreported income, homeless assistance, unreported resources/assets, duplicate/replaced warrants, duplicate aid, forgery, residence, fictitious identity, internal affairs, and other miscellaneous elements of fraud.
- 139,094 investigations were **available** during the quarter.
 - 84,891 (61%) of the available investigations were **pending** at the beginning of the quarter (carried over from June 1999).
 - 54,203 (39%) of the available investigations were **accepted** for investigation during the quarter.

Investigations Completed and the Results

- 52,561 investigations were **completed** during the quarter. This is 38% of the 139,094 total investigations available.
 - 22,528 (43%) of the completed cases had evidence sufficient to support an allegation of fraud.
 - 30,033 (57%) of the completed cases did not have evidence sufficient to support an allegation of fraud.
- Of the 52,561 completed investigations, the **results** included:
 - 11,454 (22%) of the cases were denied, reduced or discontinued due to the Early Fraud Prevention/Detection Program.
 - 5,884 (11%) of the cases had restitution action taken.
 - 3,314 (6%) of the cases had fraud found, but with no adverse financial impact.
 - 2,318 (4%) of the cases had expiration of statutes.
 - 1,880 (4%) of the cases were reduced or discontinued in non-Early Fraud cases.
 - 1,664 (3%) of the cases were referred for prosecution.
 - 245 (0.5%) of the cases were referred to an Administrative Disqualification Hearing.

Note: Completed investigations could have multiple results. Completed investigations with allegation unfounded, insufficient evidence, and other miscellaneous results included in the 52,561 are not shown in this report.

Prosecution Activity

- 6,980 referrals were **available** to the District Attorney for prosecution during the quarter.
 - 5,342 (77%) were referrals **pending** at the beginning of the quarter (carried over from June 1999).
 - 1,638 (23%) were referrals **received** during the quarter.
- Of the 6,980 referrals available to the District Attorney for prosecution consideration during the quarter,
 - 1,515 **prosecutions** were filed. This is 22% of the available prosecution referrals.
 - 1,546 **convictions** were obtained. This is 22% of the available prosecution referrals.

Overpayments and Collections

- \$11,921,557 **fraud overpayments** were identified during the quarter.
- \$7,392,139 **collections** were made during the quarter.

Food Stamp Statewide Highlights July – September 1999

Investigation Requests

- 69,192 requests for investigation were **received** by California Special Investigative Units (SIUs) during the quarter, with a monthly average during the quarter of 23,064 investigation requests. The monthly average of investigation requests represents 3% of the 745,632 Food Stamp statewide caseload (monthly average during July-September 1999).
- 68,063 investigation requests were **accepted** for investigation during the quarter. This is 98% of the 69,192 investigation requests received.
 - 44,415 (65%) were Early Fraud Prevention/Detection Program (EFP/D) requests.
 - 10,647 (16%) were Income and Eligibility Verification System (IEVS) requests.
 - 7,464 (11%) were investigation requests for other reasons including other unreported income, unreported resources/assets, duplicate/replaced Food Stamps, duplicate aid, forgery, residence, fictitious identity, Food Stamp trafficking, internal affairs and other miscellaneous elements of fraud.
 - 5,537 (8%) were Family (Household) Composition requests.
- 161,120 investigations were **available** during the quarter.
 - 93,057 (58%) of the available investigations were **pending** at the beginning of the quarter (carried over from June 1999).
 - 68,063 (42%) of the available investigations were **accepted** for investigation during the quarter.

Investigations Completed and the Results

- 66,831 investigations were **completed** during the quarter. This is 41% of the 161,120 total investigations available.
 - 28,657 (43%) of the completed cases had evidence sufficient to support an allegation of fraud.
 - 38,174 (57%) of the completed cases did not have evidence sufficient to support an allegation of fraud.
- Of the 66,831 completed investigations, the **results** included:
 - 15,462 (23%) of the cases were denied, reduced or discontinued due to the Early Fraud Prevention/Detection Program.
 - 7,061 (11%) of the cases had restitution action taken.
 - 3,581 (5%) of the cases had fraud found, but with no adverse financial impact.
 - 2,658 (4%) of the cases had expiration of statutes.
 - 2,416 (4%) of the cases were reduced or discontinued in non-Early Fraud cases.
 - 1,768 (3%) of the cases were referred for prosecution.
 - 268 (0.4%) of the cases were referred to an Administrative Disqualification Hearing.

Note: Completed investigations could have multiple results. Completed investigations with allegation unfounded, insufficient evidence, and other miscellaneous results included in the 66,831 are not shown in this report.

Prosecution Activity

- 6,654 referrals were **available** to the District Attorney for prosecution during the quarter.
 - 4,903 (74%) were referrals **pending** at the beginning of the quarter (carried over from June 1999).
 - 1,751 (26%) were referrals **received** during the quarter.
- Of the 6,654 referrals available to the District Attorney for prosecution consideration during the quarter,
 - 1,566 **prosecutions** were filed. This is 24% of the available prosecution referrals.
 - 1,583 **convictions** were obtained. This is 24% of the available prosecution referrals.

Overissuances and Collections

- \$10,549,838 **fraud overissuances** were identified during the quarter.
- \$1,796,717 **collections** were made during the quarter.

Welfare Fraud Special Investigative Units**July – September 1999**

Below is a listing of the locations of each county's Welfare Fraud Special Investigative Unit(s).

County	County Welfare Department	District Attorney's Office	County Welfare Department and District Attorney's Office	Sheriff's Office
Statewide	30	17	9	2
Alameda			✓	
Alpine	✓			
Amador	✓			
Butte		✓		
Calaveras			✓	
Colusa		✓		
Contra Costa			✓	
Del Norte	✓			
El Dorado	✓			
Fresno		✓		
Glenn	✓			
Humboldt	✓			
Imperial		✓		
Inyo		✓		
Kern	✓			
Kings	✓			
Lake				✓
Lassen				✓
Los Angeles			✓	
Madera	✓			
Marin	✓			
Mariposa	✓			
Mendocino	✓			
Merced			✓	
Modoc		✓		
Mono		✓		
Monterey			✓	
Napa	✓			
Nevada	✓			
Orange		✓		
Placer	✓			
Plumas	✓			
Riverside	✓			
Sacramento	✓			
San Benito	✓			
San Bernardino	✓			
San Diego		✓		
San Francisco		✓		
San Joaquin			✓	
San Luis Obispo	✓			
San Mateo	✓			
Santa Barbara		✓		
Santa Clara		✓		
Santa Cruz	✓			
Shasta		✓		
Sierra	✓			
Siskiyou		✓		
Solano	✓			
Sonoma	✓			
Stanislaus	✓			
Sutter			✓	
Tehama		✓		
Trinity	✓			
Tulare		✓		
Tuolumne	✓			
Ventura		✓		
Yolo			✓	
Yuba	✓			

CalWORKs

Tables

TABLE 1
California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) Program
FRAUD INVESTIGATIONS BY SPECIAL INVESTIGATIVE UNITS
July – September 1999

County	CalWORKs Caseload ^{a/}	Investigation Requests		Investigations Completed	Evidence to Support an Allegation of Fraud		Investigations Pending End of Quarter ^{b/}
		Received	Accepted		Sufficient	Not Sufficient	
Statewide	719,549	55,539	54,203	52,561	22,528	30,033	86,659
Alameda	28,682	1,104	1,104	1,115	652	463	5,366
Alpine	36	6	6	8	4	4	1
Amador	326	43	43	50	12	38	55
Butte	6,249	301	270	185	75	110	1,857
Calaveras	678	199	199	199	77	122	2
Colusa	233	49	49	28	0	28	83
Contra Costa	13,334	744	744	711	446	265	1,161
Del Norte	1,039	46	46	51	21	30	41
El Dorado	1,437	167	167	140	77	63	325
Fresno	30,081	1,619	1,225	1,424	648	776	7,986
Glenn	684	156	156	1,221	39	1,182	114
Humboldt	3,316	180	180	154	62	92	172
Imperial	5,240	100	84	95	66	29	1,193
Inyo	321	3	3	1	0	1	3
Kern	21,668	2,164	2,150	2,002	767	1,235	1,024
Kings	2,833	632	631	642	187	455	368
Lake	2,231	139	139	118	61	57	128
Lassen	756	27	27	23	6	17	83
Los Angeles	273,495	13,300	13,284	12,815	5,178	7,637	26,361
Madera	3,693	611	611	381	79	302	450
Marin	1,157	75	73	58	43	15	180
Mariposa	279	23	23	13	6	7	85
Mendocino	2,373	186	186	201	84	117	311
Merced	7,223	795	795	664	180	484	688
Modoc	296	12	12	12	0	12	8
Mono	83	3	3	2	1	1	1
Monterey	5,957	619	611	407	157	250	1,770
Napa	806	53	53	52	22	30	307
Nevada	790	57	45	54	22	32	47
Orange	25,850	3,018	2,913	2,903	1,863	1,040	3,184
Placer	2,025	55	55	53	29	24	225
Plumas	377	29	29	37	21	16	18
Riverside	28,584	6,784	6,778	6,901	3,767	3,134	974
Sacramento	40,931	2,346	2,170	1,869	840	1,029	5,689
San Benito	631	37	37	40	14	26	34
San Bernardino	47,425	4,169	4,169	3,796	1,209	2,587	7,669
San Diego	41,701	6,521	6,064	5,703	2,170	3,533	2,274
San Francisco	10,086	632	632	569	370	199	1,312
San Joaquin	17,744	235	235	236	156	80	338
San Luis Obispo	2,419	161	137	146	83	63	191
San Mateo	2,739	238	237	282	145	137	156
Santa Barbara	5,575	290	290	227	89	138	263
Santa Clara	16,872	734	734	386	299	87	5,060
Santa Cruz	2,577	809	797	786	122	664	151
Shasta	4,968	384	384	344	222	122	908
Sierra	56	0	0	0	0	0	0
Siskiyou	1,219	236	236	290	160	130	27
Solano	6,745	779	752	725	295	430	1,929
Sonoma	3,730	209	207	300	172	128	1,743
Stanislaus	10,839	907	894	986	599	387	620
Sutter	1,650	282	282	275	133	142	129
Tehama	1,587	121	121	58	35	23	462
Trinity	342	31	31	24	18	6	25
Tulare	13,331	1,774	1,755	1,656	342	1,314	1,781
Tuolumne	1,007	236	236	180	35	145	260
Ventura	7,192	432	432	287	113	174	818
Yolo	3,334	291	291	257	91	166	205
Yuba	2,714	386	386	419	164	255	44

a/ Data is the monthly average of the July-September 1999 quarter for CalWORKs Family Groups, Unemployed cases (CA 237 CalWORKs) and Foster Care (CA 237 FC). NOTE: County numbers do not add to Statewide total due to rounding.

b/ Data is from DPA 266 September 1999 Item 7 Investigations pending at end of month. NOTE: The statewide total of Investigations pending at the *beginning* of the quarter, from DPA 266 July 1999 Item 4, was 84,891.

TABLE 2
California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) Program
REQUESTS ACCEPTED FOR INVESTIGATION BY PRIMARY ELEMENT OF FRAUD
July – September 1999

County	Early Fraud Prevention/ Detection	Income and Eligibility Verification System	Family (Household) Composition	Other Unreported Income	Residence	Unreported Resources/ Assets	Other ^{a/}
Statewide	34,793	7,667	5,257	2,320	1,232	952	1,982
Alameda	437	297	153	62	32	51	72
Alpine	6	0	0	0	0	0	0
Amador	2	16	4	6	3	9	3
Butte	41	6	89	37	15	7	75
Calaveras	151	0	18	14	9	1	6
Colusa	35	0	2	5	3	1	3
Contra Costa	408	206	37	56	0	7	30
Del Norte	5	1	11	6	10	1	12
El Dorado	23	24	56	34	8	4	18
Fresno	451	314	122	301	8	4	25
Glenn	64	6	34	23	14	6	9
Humboldt	73	1	46	19	1	1	39
Imperial	5	1	38	4	31	2	3
Inyo	0	2	1	0	0	0	0
Kern	1,576	13	402	76	36	6	41
Kings	504	0	67	27	16	10	7
Lake	9	3	72	17	35	0	3
Lassen	0	0	17	7	3	0	0
Los Angeles	9,089	2,663	232	127	0	526	647
Madera	459	28	54	21	15	5	29
Marin	5	38	9	13	1	3	4
Mariposa	15	0	5	1	1	1	0
Mendocino	14	99	49	12	2	3	7
Merced	445	106	116	62	30	21	15
Modoc	1	0	2	4	4	1	0
Mono	0	0	0	3	0	0	0
Monterey	275	7	83	58	175	7	6
Napa	3	0	16	7	10	5	12
Nevada	13	3	15	7	4	3	0
Orange	2,187	534	63	63	2	6	58
Placer	11	7	21	6	5	3	2
Plumas	12	8	4	4	1	0	0
Riverside	6,222	203	157	68	15	10	103
Sacramento	1,251	524	157	59	91	12	76
San Benito	6	4	10	10	2	0	5
San Bernardino	1,609	66	1,591	281	426	133	63
San Diego	5,056	619	160	128	31	16	54
San Francisco	227	254	7	52	5	3	84
San Joaquin	145	9	42	10	1	3	25
San Luis Obispo	52	14	19	18	6	1	27
San Mateo	48	37	50	61	5	4	32
Santa Barbara	58	24	82	48	15	10	53
Santa Clara	320	193	90	71	11	5	44
Santa Cruz	247	480	32	20	5	10	3
Shasta	314	28	30	11	0	1	0
Sierra	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Siskiyou	122	0	37	14	35	6	22
Solano	202	217	157	89	27	5	55
Sonoma	98	44	24	11	0	3	27
Stanislaus	136	284	367	43	23	5	36
Sutter	143	29	42	27	7	7	27
Tehama	30	31	19	30	0	7	4
Trinity	14	5	2	1	4	2	3
Tulare	1,397	86	166	83	14	3	6
Tuolumne	124	56	28	3	5	0	20
Ventura	288	30	27	41	3	7	36
Yolo	135	33	57	35	10	4	17
Yuba	230	14	66	24	17	1	34

a/ "Other" includes Homeless Assistance, Duplicate Warrants, Duplicate (Multiple) Aid, Forgery, Fictitious Identity, Internal Affairs referrals and other miscellaneous elements of fraud.

TABLE 3
California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) Program
INVESTIGATION RESULTS^{a/}
July – September 1999

County	Early Fraud (Denials/Benefits Reduced/ Discontinuances)	Referred for		Restitution Action	Benefits Reduced or Discontinued (Non-Early Fraud)	Fraud Found, No Adverse Financial Impact	Expiration of Statutes
		Prosecution	Administrative Disqualification Hearing				
Statewide	11,454	1,664	245	5,884	1,880	3,314	2,318
Alameda	306	206	0	134	3	3	131
Alpine	0	0	0	0	1	3	0
Amador	2	0	0	1	9	0	0
Butte	40	20	0	1	11	4	4
Calaveras	56	0	0	1	20	0	0
Colusa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Contra Costa	81	32	15	145	1	172	0
Del Norte	2	1	0	4	12	2	0
El Dorado	13	13	0	17	7	50	0
Fresno	217	105	53	213	37	23	250
Glenn	16	1	0	12	9	1	1,085
Humboldt	15	7	0	19	30	4	0
Imperial	0	13	0	0	1	0	0
Inyo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kern	362	18	9	29	165	184	0
Kings	129	22	0	7	15	14	1
Lake	8	2	0	2	46	6	0
Lassen	3	0	0	1	2	0	0
Los Angeles	2,277	226	0	2,008	17	1,636	0
Madera	0	13	0	19	43	4	0
Marin	1	4	0	30	17	8	1
Mariposa	6	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mendocino	3	12	0	53	2	14	16
Merced	38	43	0	43	98	9	0
Modoc	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mono	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Monterey	123	16	1	0	1	16	5
Napa	1	2	0	1	11	7	0
Nevada	3	5	0	3	4	7	0
Orange	809	78	0	688	363	291	2
Placer	3	12	0	1	10	3	0
Plumas	3	0	0	2	7	9	0
Riverside	3,401	106	0	198	5	56	0
Sacramento	520	48	0	159	108	5	395
San Benito	0	1	0	5	6	2	7
San Bernardino	351	74	10	132	366	276	0
San Diego	1,305	107	98	789	4	76	0
San Francisco	120	86	0	135	18	1	1
San Joaquin	96	46	0	2	19	10	0
San Luis Obispo	23	16	0	7	37	2	1
San Mateo	16	17	0	63	35	14	0
Santa Barbara	14	12	0	43	34	7	0
Santa Clara	45	82	0	172	0	0	4
Santa Cruz	75	23	0	14	10	0	0
Shasta	119	8	0	19	4	72	2
Sierra	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Siskiyou	23	0	0	20	47	70	0
Solano	95	38	0	111	16	35	124
Sonoma	95	12	21	183	36	62	6
Stanislaus	82	37	37	263	125	55	0
Sutter	50	7	0	35	15	51	0
Tehama	19	0	1	1	0	5	0
Trinity	8	0	0	2	6	2	0
Tulare	268	33	0	40	0	1	9
Tuolumne	16	0	0	3	10	2	0
Ventura	95	17	0	0	1	0	274
Yolo	17	24	0	26	20	22	0
Yuba	84	18	0	28	16	18	0

a/ This table reflects the outcome of an investigation. In some instances an investigation may have more than one outcome reported. Therefore, the data displayed on this table may not correspond to the numbers on Table 1.

TABLE 4
California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) Program
DISTRICT ATTORNEY PROSECUTION ACTIVITY
July – September 1999

County	Referrals Received	Referrals Available ^{a/}	Prosecutions Filed	Decision Made Not to Prosecute
Statewide	1,638	6,980	1,515	196
Alameda	206	414	216	10
Alpine	0	0	1	0
Amador	0	23	0	0
Butte	21	21	21	0
Calaveras	0	6	0	0
Colusa	0	0	0	0
Contra Costa	28	80	31	0
Del Norte	1	32	2	0
El Dorado	13	13	13	0
Fresno	105	164	61	0
Glenn	1	6	2	0
Humboldt	7	14	11	0
Imperial	11	30	5	5
Inyo	0	0	0	0
Kern	18	150	10	1
Kings	22	41	8	9
Lake	0	125	0	0
Lassen	0	1	1	0
Los Angeles	226	578	200	27
Madera	13	216	20	1
Marin	4	10	6	1
Mariposa	0	3	0	0
Mendocino	12	27	0	0
Merced	43	393	37	0
Modoc	0	0	0	0
Mono	1	1	0	0
Monterey	16	33	2	1
Napa	3	51	4	1
Nevada	5	9	8	0
Orange	88	89	55	11
Placer	12	140	87	0
Plumas	0	17	0	2
Riverside	100	138	110	6
Sacramento	48	403	66	14
San Benito	1	2	1	0
San Bernardino	74	421	73	0
San Diego	79	776	103	0
San Francisco	86	212	25	86
San Joaquin	46	77	52	1
San Luis Obispo	16	16	16	0
San Mateo	17	53	17	1
Santa Barbara	14	14	11	3
Santa Clara	82	951	37	4
Santa Cruz	23	23	23	0
Shasta	8	183	7	0
Sierra	0	0	0	0
Siskiyou	0	2	0	0
Solano	38	320	44	3
Sonoma	13	29	11	1
Stanislaus	37	411	32	0
Sutter	7	9	9	0
Tehama	0	0	0	0
Trinity	0	0	0	0
Tulare	33	40	30	1
Tuolumne	0	7	0	0
Ventura	17	163	10	7
Yolo	24	24	24	0
Yuba	19	19	13	0

a/ Data is from DPA 266 July 1999 Item 23 Referrals pending beginning of month plus July, August and September 1999's Item 24 Referrals received during the month.

TABLE 5
California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) Program
PROSECUTION OUTCOMES^{a/}
July – September 1999

County	Convictions	Administrative Action	Disqualification Consent Agreements	Charge Pleaded	Dismissals	Acquittals	Declinations	Expiration of Statutes
Statewide	1,546	93	238	143	191	3	101	4
Alameda	198	0	198	0	68	0	10	0
Alpine	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Amador	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Butte	13	1	1	5	0	0	0	0
Calaveras	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Colusa	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Contra Costa	60	0	0	0	5	2	4	0
Del Norte	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
El Dorado	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fresno	103	0	1	0	5	0	0	0
Glenn	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Humboldt	4	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Imperial	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Inyo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kern	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kings	4	0	2	0	2	0	6	0
Lake	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lassen	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Los Angeles	208	0	0	0	6	0	26	0
Madera	20	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Marin	4	0	2	1	0	0	0	0
Mariposa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mendocino	3	0	0	4	4	0	0	0
Merced	32	1	0	0	2	0	1	0
Modoc	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mono	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Monterey	3	0	0	14	19	0	0	0
Napa	4	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Nevada	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Orange	69	13	1	0	11	0	0	0
Placer	6	0	6	0	0	0	0	3
Plumas	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Riverside	108	0	0	118	2	0	0	0
Sacramento	103	0	0	0	1	0	14	0
San Benito	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
San Bernardino	69	0	0	0	3	0	0	0
San Diego	157	0	0	0	19	0	0	0
San Francisco	19	69	0	0	1	0	17	0
San Joaquin	40	0	0	0	11	0	6	0
San Luis Obispo	8	2	0	0	1	0	1	0
San Mateo	17	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Santa Barbara	26	0	3	0	1	0	0	0
Santa Clara	37	0	0	0	1	0	3	0
Santa Cruz	25	0	0	0	5	1	2	0
Shasta	8	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Sierra	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Siskiyou	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Solano	19	0	0	0	6	0	3	1
Sonoma	16	6	0	0	0	0	1	0
Stanislaus	30	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
Sutter	2	0	7	0	0	0	0	0
Tehama	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Trinity	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tulare	48	0	0	0	13	0	0	0
Tuolumne	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ventura	5	0	0	0	0	0	5	0
Yolo	29	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Yuba	11	0	17	0	0	0	0	0

a/ This table reflects the outcome of a prosecution. In some instances a prosecution may have more than one outcome reported.

TABLE 6
California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) Program
FRAUD OVERPAYMENTS AND COLLECTIONS
July – September 1999

County	Fraud Overpayments Identified	Total Collections
Statewide	\$11,921,557	\$7,392,139
Alameda	2,699,253	123,389
Alpine	1,983	600
Amador	3,007	210
Butte	62,230	17,474
Calaveras	789	1,528
Colusa	0	539
Contra Costa	128,318	0
Del Norte	438	9,052
El Dorado	18,454	35,671
Fresno	475,579	297,462
Glenn	11,856	11,542
Humboldt	9,412	20,628
Imperial	0	4,288
Inyo	0	693
Kern	362,531	148,803
Kings	15,426	39,834
Lake	0	3,933
Lassen	3,451	4,513
Los Angeles	1,803,109	2,595,860
Madera	22,417	22,800
Marin	26,078	39,110
Mariposa	0	0
Mendocino	128,380	6,030
Merced	64,848	0
Modoc	0	0
Mono	0	0
Monterey	66,036	79,822
Napa	21,443	9,227
Nevada	24,711	11,362
Orange	488,773	249,849
Placer	26,862	52,857
Plumas	107	11,184
Riverside	348,993	326,754
Sacramento	1,141,520	508,382
San Benito	3,573	25,259
San Bernardino	384,058	310,148
San Diego	898,192	734,306
San Francisco	395,181	356,866
San Joaquin	239,227	31,092
San Luis Obispo	38,123	4,080
San Mateo	155,062	4,616
Santa Barbara	56,083	151,869
Santa Clara	528,900	403,239
Santa Cruz	66,454	68,454
Shasta	48,516	21,797
Sierra	648	979
Siskiyou	23,523	11,799
Solano	388,125	90,118
Sonoma	169,777	96,246
Stanislaus	315,624	123,685
Sutter	39,509	7,048
Tehama	3,335	2,582
Trinity	2,497	1,833
Tulare	117,152	0
Tuolumne	996	30,096
Ventura	0	166,815
Yolo	57,210	76,184
Yuba	33,788	39,632

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TABLE 7
Food Stamp Program
FRAUD INVESTIGATIONS BY SPECIAL INVESTIGATIVE UNITS
July – September 1999

County	Participating Households ^{a/}	Investigation Requests		Investigations Completed	Evidence to Support an Allegation of Fraud		Investigations Pending End of Quarter ^{b/}
		Received	Accepted		Sufficient	Not Sufficient	
Statewide	745,632	69,192	68,063	66,831	28,657	38,174	94,460
Alameda	27,893	1,479	1,479	1,386	773	613	2,788
Alpine	20	12	12	13	7	6	4
Amador	433	51	51	50	13	37	54
Butte	6,959	248	218	160	70	90	1,895
Calaveras	850	347	347	347	125	222	4
Colusa	355	102	102	63	0	63	111
Contra Costa	11,623	776	776	766	489	277	1,201
Del Norte	1,289	61	61	76	36	40	51
El Dorado	1,617	228	228	191	102	89	356
Fresno	25,778	1,262	1,041	1,049	698	351	3,347
Glenn	780	266	266	1,995	58	1,937	179
Humboldt	4,522	245	245	217	97	120	191
Imperial	5,395	107	89	97	68	29	1,388
Inyo	504	20	20	13	3	10	18
Kern	19,970	2,440	2,426	2,318	895	1,423	1,019
Kings	3,951	922	921	932	248	684	465
Lake	2,584	173	173	149	80	69	171
Lassen	790	34	34	24	7	17	106
Los Angeles	295,413	19,220	19,190	18,757	6,664	12,093	35,706
Madera	4,528	899	899	602	110	492	516
Marin	1,742	101	99	77	56	21	199
Mariposa	351	40	40	24	15	9	106
Mendocino	2,911	215	215	246	102	144	360
Merced	8,238	1,085	1,085	1,164	250	914	625
Modoc	355	16	16	16	1	15	11
Mono	77	0	0	0	0	0	0
Monterey	5,488	611	604	503	190	313	1,458
Napa	939	67	67	66	31	35	355
Nevada	919	79	65	70	30	40	79
Orange	26,419	3,583	3,499	3,426	2,480	946	3,296
Placer	2,054	76	76	72	41	31	244
Plumas	336	39	39	42	25	17	28
Riverside	24,750	9,874	9,867	10,008	5,546	4,462	1,044
Sacramento	38,648	2,255	2,089	1,469	774	695	5,623
San Benito	739	36	36	43	16	27	43
San Bernardino	48,371	4,729	4,728	4,312	1,415	2,897	8,801
San Diego	37,398	5,960	5,552	5,166	2,224	2,942	2,459
San Francisco	15,303	1,309	1,309	1,201	837	364	2,341
San Joaquin	17,313	214	214	224	149	75	334
San Luis Obispo	2,878	208	178	186	111	75	244
San Mateo	2,488	251	248	277	141	136	138
Santa Barbara	5,619	345	344	279	113	166	275
Santa Clara	17,381	556	556	347	276	71	5,909
Santa Cruz	3,046	1,247	1,229	1,225	211	1,014	184
Shasta	6,097	490	489	454	283	171	937
Sierra	64	0	0	0	0	0	0
Siskiyou	1,491	378	378	406	273	133	42
Solano	6,318	834	799	847	283	564	2,529
Sonoma	4,140	253	251	353	201	152	2,353
Stanislaus	12,209	1,157	1,141	1,297	767	530	1,219
Sutter	1,880	390	390	385	204	181	146
Tehama	1,938	121	121	58	35	23	380
Trinity	391	43	43	32	25	7	40
Tulare	15,960	1,948	1,928	1,823	429	1,394	1,772
Tuolumne	1,131	300	300	239	58	181	335
Ventura	8,977	450	450	265	125	140	684
Yolo	3,108	463	463	423	141	282	251
Yuba	2,912	577	577	601	256	345	46

a/ Data is the monthly average of the July-September 1999 quarter of Federal and State Public Assistance and Nonassistance Food Stamp participating households from the DFA 256 report. NOTE: County numbers do not add to Statewide total due to rounding.

b/ Data is from DPA 266 September 1999 Item 7 Investigations pending at the end of the month. NOTE: The statewide total of Investigations pending at the *beginning* of the quarter from DPA 266 July 1999 Item 4 was 93,057.

TABLE 8
Food Stamp Program
REQUESTS ACCEPTED FOR INVESTIGATION BY PRIMARY ELEMENT OF FRAUD
July – September 1999

County	Early Fraud Prevention/ Detection	Income and Eligibility Verification System	Family (Household) Composition	Other Unreported Income	Residence	Unreported Resources/ Assets	Other ^{a/}
Statewide	44,415	10,647	5,537	2,418	1,486	1,230	2,330
Alameda	487	338	138	57	34	46	379
Alpine	12	0	0	0	0	0	0
Amador	3	20	4	6	2	10	6
Butte	51	6	87	42	18	7	7
Calaveras	293	0	18	14	13	2	7
Colusa	81	0	4	5	2	1	9
Contra Costa	362	250	60	65	0	7	32
Del Norte	8	1	14	7	17	2	12
El Dorado	30	36	63	50	14	9	26
Fresno	492	304	119	111	7	6	2
Glenn	127	8	44	38	22	13	14
Humboldt	74	1	49	25	3	4	89
Imperial	5	1	39	5	33	2	4
Inyo	3	6	5	2	2	0	2
Kern	1,817	15	429	78	38	6	43
Kings	735	1	70	38	20	23	34
Lake	10	4	84	20	51	0	4
Lassen	3	0	17	8	6	0	0
Los Angeles	12,857	4,411	263	200	0	742	717
Madera	726	38	58	28	16	5	28
Marin	8	51	10	16	2	3	9
Mariposa	31	0	4	1	1	3	0
Mendocino	14	117	52	16	3	5	8
Merced	691	146	123	70	30	23	2
Modoc	2	0	4	4	4	2	0
Mono	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Monterey	286	4	83	62	158	7	4
Napa	4	0	21	8	13	6	15
Nevada	19	6	18	12	6	4	0
Orange	2,701	655	61	61	2	7	12
Placer	17	12	21	8	10	4	4
Plumas	17	10	4	6	2	0	0
Riverside	9,329	254	161	76	16	14	17
Sacramento	1,207	524	158	57	113	12	18
San Benito	3	6	9	12	2	0	4
San Bernardino	1,820	74	1,751	311	565	127	80
San Diego	4,592	625	138	119	30	14	34
San Francisco	425	534	7	103	8	5	227
San Joaquin	142	9	42	10	1	3	7
San Luis Obispo	61	24	24	28	11	1	29
San Mateo	53	45	49	65	7	5	24
Santa Barbara	86	33	81	50	16	11	67
Santa Clara	210	162	78	54	11	5	36
Santa Cruz	492	646	35	24	9	14	9
Shasta	412	30	34	12	0	1	0
Sierra	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Siskiyou	241	0	42	18	46	12	19
Solano	231	323	104	81	22	9	29
Sonoma	103	59	23	11	0	4	51
Stanislaus	163	463	391	50	28	7	39
Sutter	235	32	45	34	7	7	30
Tehama	30	31	19	30	0	7	4
Trinity	21	7	2	2	5	2	4
Tulare	1,452	142	207	94	20	3	10
Tuolumne	189	52	23	7	7	1	21
Ventura	251	80	20	42	2	12	43
Yolo	297	36	60	35	10	4	21
Yuba	404	15	68	30	21	1	38

a/ "Other" includes Replaced Lost Food Stamps, Duplicate (Multiple) Aid, Forgery, Fictitious Identity, Food Stamp Trafficking, Internal Affairs referrals, and other miscellaneous elements of fraud.

TABLE 9
Food Stamp Program
INVESTIGATION RESULTS^{a/}
July – September 1999

County	Early Fraud (Denials/Benefits Reduced/ Discontinuances)	Referred for		Restitution Action	Benefits Reduced or Discontinued (Non-Early Fraud)	Fraud Found, No Adverse Financial Impact	Expiration of Statutes
		Prosecution	Administrative Disqualification Hearing				
Statewide	15,462	1,768	268	7,061	2,416	3,581	2,658
Alameda	363	224	0	149	34	3	117
Alpine	0	0	0	0	4	3	0
Amador	3	0	0	1	9	0	0
Butte	39	17	0	1	12	3	4
Calaveras	102	0	0	1	22	0	0
Colusa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Contra Costa	94	34	17	204	1	139	2
Del Norte	7	0	0	8	18	3	0
El Dorado	14	13	0	24	12	64	0
Fresno	258	90	62	227	37	24	16
Glenn	24	1	0	17	14	2	1,762
Humboldt	26	7	0	30	42	5	1
Imperial	0	14	0	0	1	0	0
Inyo	0	2	0	0	0	1	0
Kern	421	17	10	55	202	190	0
Kings	185	22	0	8	20	15	1
Lake	14	3	0	2	58	8	0
Lassen	3	0	0	1	3	0	0
Los Angeles	2,945	214	0	2,512	17	2,004	0
Madera	0	33	0	26	46	5	0
Marin	4	5	0	37	19	10	1
Mariposa	15	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mendocino	3	13	0	72	4	10	21
Merced	77	60	0	65	113	9	0
Modoc	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Mono	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Monterey	145	16	2	0	1	16	6
Napa	2	2	0	1	18	8	0
Nevada	6	5	0	4	6	8	0
Orange	1,275	68	0	799	476	71	2
Placer	8	14	0	1	15	3	0
Plumas	5	0	0	3	8	9	0
Riverside	5,168	117	0	256	5	0	0
Sacramento	526	44	0	104	97	3	202
San Benito	2	2	0	4	6	2	8
San Bernardino	386	75	11	167	454	322	0
San Diego	1,403	98	98	781	4	77	0
San Francisco	252	154	0	299	117	4	1
San Joaquin	92	39	0	3	19	12	0
San Luis Obispo	26	18	0	14	49	5	2
San Mateo	22	19	0	60	34	6	0
Santa Barbara	29	18	1	47	37	8	0
Santa Clara	47	80	0	149	0	0	3
Santa Cruz	148	26	0	22	15	0	0
Shasta	146	10	0	25	5	98	2
Sierra	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Siskiyou	73	0	0	30	73	130	0
Solano	105	37	0	86	17	38	196
Sonoma	100	11	21	203	38	72	10
Stanislaus	104	38	45	379	137	64	0
Sutter	96	6	0	45	17	68	0
Tehama	19	0	1	1	0	5	0
Trinity	9	0	0	3	8	5	0
Tulare	307	37	0	83	0	2	17
Tuolumne	38	0	0	4	13	2	0
Ventura	106	19	0	0	0	0	284
Yolo	61	26	0	27	25	22	0
Yuba	159	20	0	21	34	22	0

a/ This table reflects the outcome of an investigation. In some instances an investigation may have more than one outcome reported. Therefore, the data displayed on this table may not correspond to the numbers on Table 7.

TABLE 10
Food Stamp Program
DISTRICT ATTORNEY PROSECUTION ACTIVITY
July – September 1999

County	Referrals Received	Referrals Available ^{a/}	Prosecutions Filed	Decision Made Not to Prosecute
Statewide	1,751	6,654	1,566	270
Alameda	224	376	215	9
Alpine	0	0	1	0
Amador	0	3	0	0
Butte	17	17	17	0
Calaveras	0	7	0	0
Colusa	0	0	0	0
Contra Costa	30	90	32	0
Del Norte	0	31	2	0
El Dorado	13	13	13	0
Fresno	90	149	50	0
Glenn	1	1	1	0
Humboldt	7	14	11	0
Imperial	11	40	5	5
Inyo	3	7	3	0
Kern	17	150	10	1
Kings	22	41	9	9
Lake	1	168	0	0
Lassen	0	1	1	0
Los Angeles	214	763	188	27
Madera	33	212	37	2
Marin	5	11	7	1
Mariposa	0	3	0	0
Mendocino	13	33	0	0
Merced	60	453	40	0
Modoc	0	0	0	0
Mono	0	0	0	0
Monterey	16	31	2	1
Napa	2	51	4	1
Nevada	5	9	8	0
Orange	84	97	64	9
Placer	14	170	112	0
Plumas	0	16	0	0
Riverside	107	149	120	9
Sacramento	44	324	62	13
San Benito	2	4	0	2
San Bernardino	75	460	74	0
San Diego	78	702	101	0
San Francisco	154	323	26	154
San Joaquin	39	77	47	6
San Luis Obispo	18	18	18	0
San Mateo	20	47	18	1
Santa Barbara	20	20	16	4
Santa Clara	80	404	38	4
Santa Cruz	26	26	26	0
Shasta	10	175	5	0
Sierra	0	0	0	0
Siskiyou	0	2	0	0
Solano	37	305	43	3
Sonoma	12	29	11	1
Stanislaus	38	355	30	0
Sutter	6	8	8	0
Tehama	0	0	0	0
Trinity	0	0	0	0
Tulare	37	50	40	1
Tuolumne	0	8	0	0
Ventura	19	164	11	7
Yolo	26	26	26	0
Yuba	21	21	14	0

a/ Data is from DPA 266 July 1999 Item 23 Referrals pending beginning of month plus July, August and September 1999's Item 24 Referrals received during the month.

TABLE 11
Food Stamp Program
PROSECUTION OUTCOMES^{a/}
July – September 1999

County	Convictions	Administrative Action	Disqualification Consent Agreements	Charge Pleaded	Dismissals	Acquittals	Declinations	Expiration of Statutes
Statewide	1,583	154	290	162	186	3	110	2
Alameda	235	0	235	0	70	0	9	0
Alpine	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Amador	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Butte	13	1	1	6	0	0	0	0
Calaveras	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Colusa	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0
Contra Costa	61	0	0	0	7	2	4	0
Del Norte	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
El Dorado	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fresno	96	1	1	0	4	0	0	0
Glenn	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Humboldt	4	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Imperial	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Inyo	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0
Kern	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kings	8	0	2	0	3	0	7	0
Lake	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lassen	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Los Angeles	194	0	0	0	6	0	26	0
Madera	21	2	7	0	0	0	0	0
Marin	4	0	2	1	0	0	0	0
Mariposa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mendocino	4	0	0	4	4	0	0	0
Merced	33	1	0	0	2	0	2	0
Modoc	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mono	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Monterey	2	0	0	11	15	0	0	0
Napa	4	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Nevada	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Orange	69	9	0	0	9	0	0	0
Placer	1	0	7	6	0	0	0	2
Plumas	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Riverside	117	0	0	129	2	0	0	0
Sacramento	95	0	0	0	1	0	12	0
San Benito	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0
San Bernardino	81	0	0	0	3	0	0	0
San Diego	153	0	0	0	16	0	0	0
San Francisco	23	132	0	0	2	0	22	0
San Joaquin	31	1	0	0	7	0	9	0
San Luis Obispo	10	2	0	0	1	0	1	0
San Mateo	18	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Santa Barbara	29	0	4	0	1	0	0	0
Santa Clara	38	0	0	0	1	0	3	0
Santa Cruz	30	0	0	0	5	1	4	0
Shasta	7	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
Sierra	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Siskiyou	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Solano	16	0	0	0	5	0	3	0
Sonoma	16	5	0	0	0	0	1	0
Stanislaus	28	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
Sutter	2	0	8	0	0	0	0	0
Tehama	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Trinity	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tulare	54	0	0	0	16	0	0	0
Tuolumne	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ventura	5	0	0	0	0	0	5	0
Yolo	31	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Yuba	11	0	19	0	0	0	0	0

a/ This table reflects the outcome of a prosecution. In some instances a prosecution may have more than one outcome reported.

TABLE 12
Food Stamp Program
FRAUD OVERISSUANCES AND COLLECTIONS
July – September 1999

County	Fraud Overissuances Identified	Total Collections
Statewide	\$10,549,838	\$1,796,717
Alameda	1,196,425	30,245
Alpine	726	300
Amador	1,359	604
Butte	29,608	11,479
Calaveras	0	912
Colusa	0	701
Contra Costa	84,964	0
Del Norte	5,575	8,237
El Dorado	11,470	13,480
Fresno	206,068	115,500
Glenn	10,779	14,529
Humboldt	6,464	11,778
Imperial	0	56
Inyo	18,385	1,109
Kern	157,308	92,110
Kings	9,710	24,439
Lake	0	1,883
Lassen	670	911
Los Angeles	5,662,462	133,874
Madera	22,211	30,454
Marin	21,135	16,819
Mariposa	0	0
Mendocino	69,507	7,615
Merced	58,916	0
Modoc	0	0
Mono	0	0
Monterey	33,779	29,992
Napa	8,454	7,534
Nevada	11,506	5,882
Orange	259,333	40,152
Placer	13,568	22,118
Plumas	358	1,990
Riverside	226,028	70,113
Sacramento	378,395	153,728
San Benito	5,960	7,435
San Bernardino	192,966	141,089
San Diego	493,912	65,260
San Francisco	303,625	217,882
San Joaquin	118,133	11,375
San Luis Obispo	17,932	1,421
San Mateo	57,377	13,241
Santa Barbara	31,307	77,257
Santa Clara	161,673	56,673
Santa Cruz	37,461	10,684
Shasta	21,949	14,459
Sierra	0	241
Siskiyou	3,103	2,782
Solano	119,223	59,039
Sonoma	52,132	55,532
Stanislaus	268,273	69,786
Sutter	18,060	7,048
Tehama	1,919	6,672
Trinity	995	472
Tulare	94,467	0
Tuolumne	408	12,630
Ventura	0	62,752
Yolo	30,455	39,125
Yuba	13,345	15,318